Contractors to whom right of collecting mooring fees has been sold for 1109.

240. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the name or names of the contractor or contractors to whom the right of collecting mooring fees from country boats that touch Ernakulam has been sold out for 1109;

(b) are these contractors or their agents empowered to take away the paddles, oars or other accessories of the boats that touch at Ernakulam so that they may sit at ease in their watch sheds compelling the boat men to go over to them and redeem these accessories by paying the mooring fees;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the course of action referred to in (b) is generally resorted to by the agents of the contractor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) V. U. Kunju Moideen Kutty.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Promotion of unpassed copyists of the Magisterial Department to the Registration Department.

241. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they have ordered that some unpassed hands in the Magisterial Department should be promoted as clerks in the Registration Department consequent on the confirmation of the Kallettumkara Registry Office;

(2) how many hands are there in the Registration Department who have put in long acting periods of service; and

(3) whether they will not be aggrieved by the said order;

(4) what is the period of acting service of each in the Registration Department; and

(5) the increments, if any, earned by them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have ordered that when vacancies occur in the Registration Department amongst the copyist, they should be filled by men selected from the unpassed copyists of the Magisterial Department.

(2) 18.

(3) Government do not think that they will have any valid ground for complaint.

(4) and (5). Vide statement appended. (*Appendix VII.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are thes acting hands all passed hands?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Notice.

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